

HERITAGE





Pictured above: Volunteer Becky McAndrews, Director Lillian Hartman and Monique Darpoh show off their skills at Volleyball during the Indoor picnic on 8/20/19.

Pictured above playing Connect Four are Joe Vallante and Joanne Dec, while Perla Tejano waits her turn to play against the winner.



Pictured left to right above showcasing Lowell Senior Center's NEW BUS ... Councilor Dave Conway, Trips Coordinator Carol Lannan, Bus Driver Roger Fortin, Director Lillian Hartman, Councilor Rita Mercier, Mayor William J. Samaras, Manager Eileen Donoghue, Friends Claire Brodeur, Vice Mayor Vesna Nuon, Friends Lenny Gendron, CFO Conor Baldwin, and Friends Beverly Gonsalves.

New Grocery Shopping Routes

Pilot Neighborhood Trips Begin in October Shopping Trips are open to all Lowell residents age 60+, call 978-674-4131 to reserve your space. You must provide your birthdate and emergency contact information to become a senior center member. Up to 8

shoppers per day, limit 2 bags each, \$1 for a round-trip. The bus is carry-on, carry-off so nothing too heavy for you to lift please. Trips are canceled if schools are closed due to weather. Please call for the dates serving your neighborhood only. Feedback on this pilot program is appreciated.

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Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 PM. Monday - Friday

COA 2nd Floor Fax: 978-446-7270

LOWELL SENIOR CENTER

Main Number: 978-674-4131

Fax: 978-970-4134

Hours of Operation:

Monday—Friday:

Open 6:30 AM—4:00 PM

Continental Breakfast 7:00-9:00

am

Lunch served at 11:30 AM

CLOSED On weekends for the month of September

Executive Director: Lillian Hartman lhartman@lowellma.gov

Receptionist: Tara Donnelly 978-674-1171 ~ tdonnelly@lowellma.gov

Trips & Events Coordinator: Carol Lannan 978-674-1169 ~ CLannan@lowellma.gov

Outreach Caseworker: Amy Medina Leal 978-674-1167 ~ aleal@lowellma.gov

For those who prefer reading The Heritage Newsletter online, please do the following:

> Enter: www.lowellma.gov Click on: Departments Click on: Senior Center

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Andrew Hostetler, Chair
Joyce E. Dastou
Mary Donnelly
Eric Lamarche
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Vincenzo Milinazzo

Next meeting: Monday, September 9th

at 9:00am - Public Welcome



Senior Abuse Hotline Number

To report suspected elder abuse, call: 1-800-922-2275

<u>DTA Hotline</u> (SNAP/Food Stamps)

Direct line for seniors: 1-833-712-8027

Are you having a problem with your in-home caregiver?

1-800-243-4636 Press #5 to speak to an Elder Services Ombudsman.

<u>Legal Services</u> <u>Assistance & Referrals</u>

For an appointment call: 1-800-342-5297

Director's Message

In September our new 36-passenger bus arrived thanks to many advocates including *Councilor Rita Mercier and the Friends of the Lowell Council on Aging.* Thanks also to the Friends for a new coffee brewer in our dining room, a significant purchase that we hope will last several years. Thanks to the DPW for getting the bus and coffee maker ready to use and for painting around the center. And thanks to the Greater Lowell Health Alliance, which replaced our scale for fitness room users. Other changes you might notice include a new soda machine in our lobby and new flooring in Tara's office.

We'll introduce some of our new staff at an event for all on Friday, Oct. 25. Long-time volunteer Lenny Gendron joined the staff as a custodian this summer and Glady Rosa is our new volunteer coordinator. The senior center Welcomes Ray Destrempe to our staff beginning October 15 as our new full-time custodian. Ray will be coming to us after working at the Pollard Memorial Library. At the time of this writing, we are in process of hiring full-time and part-time chefs. Thanks to all for their patience with the senior center during our period without a full staff.

The senior center is a great place to meet friends, stay healthy, and have fun as visitors or volunteers. This month we will host a city health fair, start an art workshop series and a multi-cultural meditation and lunch series, and continue to bring speakers to promote savings options for seniors. We will start a 3-month pilot to test neighborhood shopping routes. Your feedback is helpful as we try new things, so please don't be shy. We'd also love your help recommending programs and filling volunteer vacancies.

Thanks for reading,

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Volunteer Coordinator Message

Hello,

I would like to formally introduce myself as the newest member to the Lowell Senior Center team. My name is Glady Rosa and I am the new Volunteer/Program Coordinator. I appreciate and look forward to creating a positive impact with my new role here. I most recently worked for a non profit organization for over 8 years. I specialized in community functions and overseeing volunteer programs. I genuinely love this field and I feel confident that I will be able to add great value to an already amazing team.

I also would like to take the opportunity to invite you all to a meet and greet ice cream social. This is where I can get to know you, and you can get to know me a little better. This will be on Friday October 11th at 1pm. I look forward to meeting you all in person soon. Thank you!

Sincerely, Glady Rosa

Don't miss this month:

City Employee Health Fair

at the Senior Center. Tuesday, Oct. 8 all day. See page 15

Reducing Costs for Homeowners Tuesday Oct. 15, 12 noon to 1:30pm

Learn how to save money from many agencies, covering:

Assessor Tax Exemptions
Senior circuit breaker tax credit
Reverse mortgages
Fuel Assistance
Utility Discounts and Shutoff
Prevention
Foreclosure prevention
Mortgage Assistance
Home Modification Loans
Weatherization and Energy
Efficiency Improvements
Critical Home Repair Programs



LCOA bus trips ~ ages 60+ ONLY ... Motor-coach bus trips ~ ages 18+

All trips must be paid in full one month prior to travel date.

The office is open from 6:30am-2:15pm.

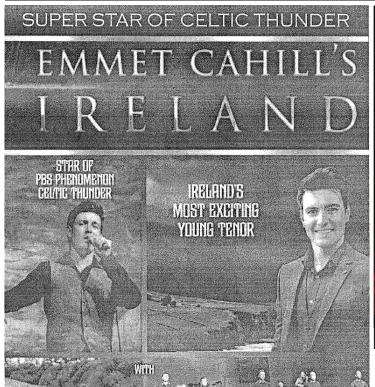
Detailed flyers available outside the 2nd floor office.

For more info, contact Carol Lannan at 978-674-1169 or CLannan@lowellma.gov.

If trip contains 16 passengers or less, please park at the senior center. If the trip contains 17 passengers or more, please park at the VFW on Plain Street.

Seats Available for the Trips below!







THURSDAY MARCH 12TH, 2020 VENUS DE MILO, SWANSEA, MA

THE EMERIUD STRING JUARTET

THE OUBLIN CITY DRINGERS

Stay Tuned for details about the next trip!

You MUST have your LICENSE or PICTURE ID with you for the Casino entrance.





\$7.00 Day Trips for ages 60+

Oct.	<u>trips</u>	on sale beginning	<u>Sept 24</u>
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Tuesday	1	IKEA	9:00 am
Monday	7	Topsfield Fair	9:00 am
Thursday	10	Quincy Market	9:00 am
		16 passengers	
Monday	21	Kmart Billerica	9:00 am
		& Wu Loon Ming	
Thursday	24	Christmas Tree Shop	9:00 am
		& Grassfields	
Tuesday	29	Salem Witches	8:00 am



Nov.	<u>trips</u>	on sale beginning	Oct 29	
Day	<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Depart</u>	
Monday	4	Merrimack Outlets	9:00	
Thursday	7	Northshore Mall	9:00	
Monday	18	Walmart, Amherst NH	9:00	
		& Grand Buffet		
Thursday	21	Christmas Tree Shop	9:00	
		In Salem, NH		

All \$7.00 trips are payable by check or money orders **ONLY**! NO REFUNDS. 16 seats available!

Please be sure to sign-up for trips right away & call if you need to cancel. Some trips fill up fast and we need a minimum of 4 people or the trip could be cancelled.

Place & time subject to change! A trip may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Affordable Senior Transportation

\$1 Roundtrip Rides for Grocery Shopping

Available on fixed routes only. Call 978-674-4131 for your street to be considered in our fall route planning.

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Neighborhoods	Dates	Shopping Center	
Centralville,	Thursday, Oct. 3	Sunrise Plaza,	
Pawtucketville	Tuesday, Oct. 22	Lowell	
Highlands, Lower Highlands	Friday, Oct. 11 Friday,	East Gate Plaza, Chelmsford	
Bower Inginunes	Oct. 25	Chemistora	
Back Central, Belvidere,	Tuesday,	Stadium Plaza,	
Sacred Heart, South Lowell	Oct. 8	Tewksbury	

FREE Daily Bus Ride

The Lowell Senior Center offers free transportation to the Senior center 5 days a week EXCEPT HOLIDAYS. Call 978- 674-4131 before 9:00 a. m. on the day you want to visit! Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays bus leaves at 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. after BINGO.

LRTA Road Runner

This service is available for people with a disability that prevents them from using a fixed route bus, and for people age 60+. It may take 21 days to process your application before your first ride, but rides are not limited to medical. Call Road Runner at 978-459-0152.

CareRide

CareRide, a pilot program of Elder Services of Merrimack Valley with funding from Lowell General, provides non-emergency medical transportation in the Greater Lowell area and to Boston for people age 65+.

Sign up at the Lowell Senior Center (978-674-4131), and a ride share vehicle will be scheduled for you by Elder Services. No need to use a smartphone

or pay the driver; bills come to your address monthly, \$4/each way for local trips.



Doctors, Nurses & MORE

Blood Pressure & Weight Check with

Stay tuned for info on the next dates for Circle Health!

Albert Gauthier RN:

Wednesdays from 9:30—11:30 am

<u>Dr. George Potamitis</u> from Pro-Rehab:

Question and Answer sessions Wednesdays from 10-11 am

Anxiety Support Group

With Steve Coupe **Tuesdays**: 2-3:45 pm 2nd floor Library

Reiki

with Jane Breault SEE or CALL Tara Nurse's Station At will offering.

Foot Clinic with Diane Stanley, RN

3rd Thursday of the month 9:00am – 12:00pm ... \$30.00 fee

A Total Foot Care appointment



including: foot assessment, toenail trimming and filing, reduction of nails/ corns/calluses as

needed, education to help maintain self-care, and a relaxing foot massage.

Call Amy for appointments: 978-674-1167
2nd Floor Nurse's Station



"I found a better deal on prescriptions."



"We found lower co-pays."



"I found a plan that works better for me."

WHAT WILL YOU FIND DURING MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT?

You'll never know unless you go. Compare your current plan to new options. See if you can lower some costs or find a plan that better suits your needs. Many people do. Even if you like your current plan, check to see if the costs or coverage are changing at medicare.gov. Or call 1-800-MEDICARE for help.

Medicare Open Enrollment Oct.15 - Dec. 7

WWW.MEDICARE.GOV 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY 1-877-486-2048)





SHINE provides free & unbiased health insurance counseling for Medicare beneficiaries of all ages

YOUR 2020 MEDICARE PLAN REVIEW

LOWELL COUNCIL ON AGING • 276 BROADWAY

NOVEMBER 4 • 9am-2 pm • REGISTRATION REQUIRED • 978-674-1172

Bring: Your red, white & blue Medicare card,

current health insurance card(s) and current list of medications & dosage.

To make an appointment call 978-674-1167 for English/ Portuguese/Spanish, or 978-454-6200 for Khmer

Affordable Hearing

Free Hearing Test with Christopher Streeter Every 4th Wednesday 10:00 am



2nd Floor Board Room MA Lic. # 198/ NH Lic. # H547



Meet Counselor Joan Gong

Mondays 8:30 am

2nd Floor Nurse's Station First come, first served! For more information, call

1-800-243-4636, press 3 for SHINE

Exercise Room



Open Monday-Friday 6:30 am—4:00 pm

Required:
Doctor's note
& Sneakers

Country Line Dancing

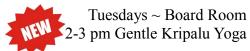
with Marcella Groulx



Tuesdays 10am to 12pm (except 2nd Tuesday of every month) \$5.00

YOGA

with Christine Connolly, RN, BSN, RYT 500-hour Kripalu Yoga Teacher, Reiki ll Practitioner



Wednesdays ~ 2nd Floor Classroom 10-11 Gentle Kripalu Yoga 11:15-12 Men's Yoga Class

\$5 donation optional thanks to funding.

Helps with arthritis, flexibility, strength, mobility, range of motion, pain, high blood pressure, breathing, circulation, & stress!



Halloween Dinner Dance



Friday, Oct. 18, 10am-3pm

To order food in time, we need an accurate headcount a week before. Please register with \$7 payment before noon on Friday, Oct. 11. Tables may be reserved only with 8 pre-paid guests.

This month DJ Dave
Garnick plays tunes for
couples and line
dancers.

Door prizes and raffles

Wear your favorite costume to surprise your friends!

Full course meal – Roast Pork

* Starting in October a full table fee needs to be collected to reserve a table for 8. We will also charge \$10 at the door or \$7 if paid by noon the previous Friday. *

Getting Fit & Staying Fit

with Marian Silk

\$2.00 per class Great Hall



Mondays and Thursdays: 9:00 - 9:55 am

Wednesdays: 8:30 - 9:25 am (I like to end 5 minutes early so we are out the door in one hour!)

Bone Builders Class

8:30 am Monday & Wednesday 1:30 pm Monday & Thursday

Learn how to strengthen your muscles, maintain or increase bone density, improve your balance, build confidence, prevent falls, nutrition & lifestyle changes, & make new friends! 2nd Floor Classroom.

Call 978-674-4131 to register. Doctor's approval REQUIRED

TAI CHI

Tuesdays 10:15–11:15 8 weeks for \$24 or walk-ins \$5 per class in 2nd Floor Classroom

Helps with: arthritis, strengthening the

immune system, high blood pressure, and osteoporosis! Acupressure points also taught: for headaches, stress, upset stomach & more!





BROWN BAG

A distribution of pre-bagged groceries

DATES: 4th Tuesday (2019)

October 22 November 26

December 10 (** 2nd Tuesday)

FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Laura Marsan (978) 946-1303

Justin Jordan (978) 946-1279 Please bring reuseable grocery bags or a cart to carry your food

In partnership with





Bob Pomerlieu & Elviseena

October 15th at 1:30 pm

Recycled Treasures Art Workshopswith Lolita Demers



Repurpose household items into beautiful gifts and decorations. Workshops are led by Lolita Demers, a recently retired school art teacher and covered by CDBG grant funds. Sign up in advance for one or more

Thursday sessions: \$1 materials fee per session. 10-11am in Senior Center Classroom

Oct. 10th: Wine bottle lights. Glass cutting and lights provided.

Oct. 24th: Painted door stops, paper weights

Nov.7th: Picture frame sun catcher/stained glass



Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.

Choices for a life-long journey

What is ESMV?

Ask Nandi Munson ...

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

from 10:00 am to 12 noon

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley is a non-profit whose mission is to ensure in-home services and community programs are available to meet the diverse needs of older adults. We offer programs including Meals on Wheels, SHINE counseling, Case Management, Brown Bag, and many more. We have served the Merrimack Valley for 45 years.

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Mondays

12:00 to 3:00 pm

Board Room

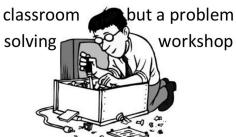


FREE

Computer and tablet assistance with Pierre and Don

Fridays 9:30 - 11:30

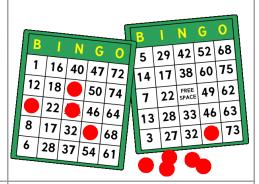
This is **NOT** a teaching



2nd Floor Computer Lab

B-**I**-**N**-**G**-**O**

Every Wednesday
1:00—3:00 pm
50¢ per card,
sales start at noon
Prize amounts vary due to
attendance. PLUS additional prizes!



Knitting & Crochet Group

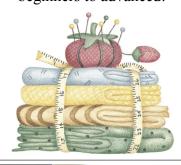
Tuesdays 12:00—3:00 pm 2nd Floor Classroom



Quilting Group

Wednesdays 12:30—3 pm 2nd Floor Classroom

Newcomers welcome, beginners to advanced!



Lowell Senior Center Singers

Rehearsals: Mondays at 1:00 pm 2nd Floor Classroom



Cribbage Players Needed!

Tuesdays 12 noon to 3:00 pm Cardroom





Wii Bowling Tuesdays & Fridays 11:45 am to 12:45 pm 2nd Floor Board Room



Cards!

Thursdays 12 noon to 3:45 45's

Wednesdays & Fridays 9:00 to 3:45 Poker



10			October 2019
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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First Lowell Rehab Apartments

Effective July 1*, 2018, the waiting list for our 2 & 3 bedroom units is now open. Applicants are placed on a waiting list according to the date and time the application is received. All utilities are included. Income restrictions apply. Section 8 vouchers accepted.

Our property is conveniently located near Route 3, Interstate 495 and public transportation.

Applications may be picked up at Wings te Management Co., 16 Middle Street, Lowell MA 01852, by calling 978-459-3631 or e-mail Lowell@wingstecompanies.com

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ATTENTION LUNCH PARTICIPANT'S ... VERY IMPORTANT!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SWIPE IN FOR LUNCH EACH DAY!

If you are planning on enjoying lunch, but have no key tag—Please see Tara for a swipe tag. If you have a key tag but forgot it, please see Tara to add your name to the lunch list. Even if you forgot to swipe-in before lunch, please do so afterwards so we have an accurate count. The Senior Center receives funding from agencies and we must provide accurate counts of participants.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

A donation of \$2.50 is requested for lunch that is served beginning at 11:30 am, 11:15 am on Wednesdays. Tickets are available daily until 10:30 am. Seniors that arrive after 10:30 am may pay cash and will follow ticket holders. Please be on site no later than 11:30 am, if you want to have lunch. Funding for our meal program is made possible by EOEA, Merrimack Valley Nutrition, & City of Lowell. Menu subject to change!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. Chicken Fajitas, Rice, Mixed Veggies, Wheat Bread, Mandarin Oranges	2. Stuffed Cabbage, Corn, Wheat Bread, Pudding, Juice	3. Hot Dogs & Beans, Coleslaw, Hot Dog Rolls, Fruit Salad	4. Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Wheat Bread, Apple	5.
6	7. Chicken Fritters, Rice, Carrots, Wheat Bread, Apricots	8. Health Fair: sandwiches provided including vegetarian option	9. Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Wheat Bread, Pears	10.Chicken Dippers, Rice, Mix Vegetables, Wheat Bread, Mandarin Oranges	11. Fiesta Style Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Bread, Pineapples	12.
13.	14. CLOSED COLOMBUS DAY	15. Chicken Patty, Rice, Waxed Beans, Wheat Rolls, Apricots	16. BBQ Beef Ribs, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Wheat Bread, Peaches	17. Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Bread, Mixed Fruit	18. DINNER DANCE: Roast Pork Meal	19.
20.	21. Vegetable Lasagna, Spinach, Juice, Pears, Wheat Bread	22. Veal Patties, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Wheat Rolls, Pears	23. Chicken Breast Filet, Rice, Carrots, Wheat Bread, Pineapples	24. Stuffed Peppers, Corn, Wheat Rolls, Strawberries	25. Fish Cakes, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Wheat Rolls, Apricots	26.
27.	28. Hamburg & Onions, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Wheat Bread, Fruit Salad	29. Chicken Cacciatore, Rice, Corn, Wheat Bread, Pears, Juice	30. Chicken, Mashed Potatoes., Wax Beans, Wheat Rolls, Juice, Pudding	31. Cheese Ravioli, Spinach, Wheat Bread, Cantaloupe		

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the center will be closed temporarily on weekends. Look for announcements about our weekend schedule at the senior center soon.

Fall 2019 Regional Workshops For Grandparents Raising Grandchildren







Registration is required!

OWELL

OCTOBER 4, 2019 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM

Location:

Lowell Senior Center 276 Broadway St. Lowell, Ma. 01854

Guest Speaker:

Middlesex District Attorney Marian T. Ryan Topic: Cyber Safety

light refreshments and pastries will be provided

To register please contact the Commission:

Colleen.pritoni@state.ma.us

For the entire statewide schedule, please visit www.massgrg.com

Meditation and Multicultural Lunch

At the Lowell Senior Center, 276 Broadway St

Thursday, Oct. 24 at 12 noon

Led by CMAA's Tooch Van, Barbara Dunsford and Venerable, Mee Lem, this combo yoga and meditation group meets at CMAA and will now come to the senior center monthly. Instructors speak *Khmer and English*. After the group, a Southeast Asian meal will be served at 1pm for participants, free with optional \$2.50



donation. Free rides from home or CMAA to the senior center are available, please call 978 -674-4131 (Senior Center) or 978-454-6200 (CMAA) to request a ride before noon on Oct. 23.

Center of Exce

My Life, My Health

Sign Up Today for Free Six Week Workshop!

Sponsored By Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.

Thursdays, October 3rd - November 7th, 2019 1:00pm - 3:30pm **Lowell Senior Center** 276 Broadway St., Lowell MA

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OCTOBER 2019

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TUESDAYS @ 9AM

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INTRO TO PCS 10/10 (THU) @ 2PM

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10/15 (TUE) @ 10AM

10/17 (THU) @ 2PM

CELL PHONE SKILLS 10/22 (TUE) @ 10AM

DIGITAL PHOTOS 10/24 (TH) @ 2PM

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Intro to PCs: A general introduction to PCs. nd Windows 10, users will also practice using the mouse and keyboard.

Internet & Browsers: Topics include: opening a browser; surfing the web; performing a search; and online safety.

Email: New users will learn to setup and use email using mail.com.

Cell Phone Skills: Learn to use your smart phone to send and receive texts and email; attach and download images and documents.

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Microsoft Word: Learn how to create, edit and save documents with Microsoft Word. PC Skills required.

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COFFEE SOCIAL

Fridays, 8:00-9:30 am at the Lowell Senior Center Board Room., 2nd Floor. Presented by Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital (Bedford VA) & Lowell Veteran's Services. Join us for coffee, conversation, camaraderie, & support in an informal atmosphere to socialize and discuss issues such as Healthcare, upcoming events, helping others, community involvement, VSO assistance, and benefits. For more info, contact: Steve Hines at 781-687-3173 or Eric Lamarche at 978-970-4070.

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Open Mic at the Senior Center

Friday November 8th at 9:00 am

Do you have a talent for music or other performance art? We'd love to see

it! Come to share your talent at the senior center following the Veterans' Breakfast. This is a non-competitive event, with a friendly audience of your peers. Dressing up is encouraged for a photo panel in next month's newsletter. Limited to 15 acts (one song each). Please register to perform in advance by calling Eric Lamarche at 978-674-1595. Free to perform or attend!



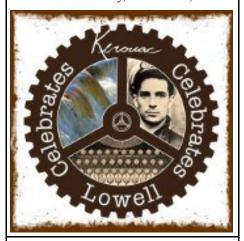
Monster Bash on Saturday, October 26

The Kiwanis Club, in cooperation with Cultural Affairs and Special Events, presents their annual scary fun with a Haunted House, family activities and a Trick or Treat trail.



Lowell Celebrates Kerouac Fall Festival

Start Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 End Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2019



Lowell Cemetery Walk

October 5 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Lowell Cemetery Lowell, MA

This is your chance to look inside seven of the Lowell Cemetery mausoleums and to visit other notable monuments in the cemetery. It is a self-paced tour that you can begin at any time during the event from either the Knapp Ave or Lawrence Street gates. Guides will be stationed at each of the featured mausoleums and monuments. These guides will share the stories of those who are buried inside and help you find your way around.



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Ballroom lessons

Every Sunday from 4:30-5:30pm Beginning September 29th and Ending November 17th

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Friday, October 25th

9:30 am

Public Welcome



Friends of the Lowell Council on Aging

Become a Member of the Friends of the Council on Aging Group:

The Friends of the Lowell Council on Aging Center Inc. is the fundraising group for the Lowell Senior Center. Funds raised are utilized for many purposes including ... Kitchen Equipment ... Pool Sticks ... New felt for the Billiards tables ... Social Events.

Annual Fee is \$5 Per Person and membership includes voting rights

Meetings are held on the last Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room on the second floor of the Senior Center located at: Lowell Senior Center, 276 Broadway Street, Lowell, MA 01854.

No meetings are scheduled in July and August. Donations are accepted and happily welcomed.

By the time you read this hopefully the seniors will be enjoying coffee from a new coffer maker. The old one finally went kaput. Unfortunately it was before the new one arrived. Since the old one came from the Smith Baker, this replacement should also have a long life.

Next month we will publish a list of the September Calendar Winners. They are also posted on a white board in the Great Room as they are drawn. Our mailing list has dwindled by 5 more members. Keep spreading the word. Thank You to those who have asked to be taken off the mailing list.

We will be taking membership dues until the end of October for the year 2019. There will be no membership dues collected the month of November. December 1st we will start accepting memberships for 2020. The memberships run a calendar year not from the time you join FLCOA.

There will be a notice posted explaining this practice. The Friends had a busy summer even though there were no scheduled meetings in July and August. We had one executive board meeting to approve the purchase of the new coffee pot. The board is also in touch with its members and the COA staff for any situations that can be solved with our assistance. We hope to keep seeing you at the meetings on the last Friday of the month @ 9:30 in the Board Room.



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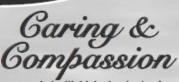
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